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The Request for Continued Examination transmittal has been received and is entered A first action follows.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Drawings are objected to, figs 1, 2, 3 are confusing and cannot be properly correlated with one another.

Where in fig. 1 is box 24? Also numerals 32, 26 seem to be used for certain items in fig. 1 and for other items in fig. 2.

Applicant is required to submit a proposed drawing correction in reply to this Office action. However, formal correction of the noted defect may be deferred until after the examiner has considered the proposed drawing correction. Failure to timely submit the proposed drawing correction will result in the abandonment of the application.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art (APA) in view of Thompson and Luu.

APA discloses an aircraft seat mounted power box 24 and a cover 32 for the box, the cover having a power port opening 26. The cover lacks ports for USB and RJ connectors.

Luu, figs 4, 5 and Thompson, figs 1-6 disclose outlet box covers with standard box attachments and with openings for standard power outlets and also with added openings for other

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**Exhibits** type outlets such as audio and video. It would have been obvious to form the APA cover with added openings for such uses as audio or video. This would enable it to be used with modern equipment such as computers or portable televisions. Use of USB only involves obvious change of one type port for another.

The concept of forming power box covers with extensions outside the outline of the power box, such extensions to be used for support of additional connections is taught by the references and whether to be used as replacements in homes or in vehicles such as aircraft would be a matter of obvious choice.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to N Abrams at telephone number (703) 308-1729.

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